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PATENT

APPLICATION: U.S. Serial No. 09/518,165)

TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING)
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET)
BACTERIA OR A TARGET)
COMPONENT)
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN)
THEREOF)

GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

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RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

I. THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-11, inclusive and 15-21 inclusive and insert the following new claims in lieu thereof:

A1 22 A method of detecting the presence of a carbohydrate antigen characteristic of at

least one species or serogroup of a species of bacteria in a fluid, which method comprises the following steps: